

[Note: I believe the year is actually 1865; this letter refers to one from January 1865]

Camp Sheridan, Va

January 28th 1864

Brother Harrison,

I *recieved* your letter of the 17th, the 22nd, saying you had sent the box, it probably will be here the next lot that comes. They keep them at Harpers Ferry *untill* they get a lot together and then send them through, they some about once a week. I hope it will be along soon. It is very cold weather now, to day is the coldest day we have had this winter, we find it a little different soldiering here in the winter from what it was in La, but it is much healthier than it was there. You would hardly know the boys now if you should see them, they have got rid of that yellow Texas look that they had in La, I didn't know as it makes much difference with me. I look just about the same. I have not got over the *diarreeah* entirely and I have been lame ever since I left New Orleans, it was caused I suppose by the medicine that I took. I do not know what else to lay it to.

Butler and Baldwin have got back from their furlough and Bill C[?]kley starts tomorrow morning, the boys are all down on Brown for letting Bill go for he has done nothing for a long time but wait on Brown & Allis.

We have not been paid yet, and they say we will not get it *untill* another muster which will be the last of nest month, there will be six months pay due then, but I hope the pay master will be along before that time.

The Colonel and Captain Wheeler's wives come to night. Capt Wheeler has got a nice big house built for his woman, they will get sick of it I guess before they have been here long.

Br[?]re got a letter from Capt. Underhill, he is in Libby prison Richmond Barrett. Bill Burch and George Tyler was there with him, he said that the boys were well and comfortably situated. I do not know whether I ever told you that Jim Cohen had got back or not, he came back some time ago, the boys all supposed he was dead, but a "bad penny will always return." He was taken prisoner at Pleasant Hill when he went to fill his canteen at the Bayou, he was in Texas about five months, he is as full of his argument and as contrary as ever.

Have you been to L-ville yet. What is going on there? I do not get much news from there since our folks moved. Well I haven't time to write any more. Give my love to all.

From your Brother,

John F. Brand